

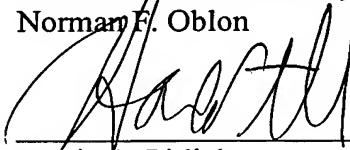
REMARKS

The claims now contain the limitations of Claim 24, indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 12, 34 and 36 have each been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 24 therein; Claims 20, 21 and 24 have been canceled..

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 12, 13, 22, 23, 25 and 27-37 are now pending in the application.